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As a Californian whose father suffered asthma for many years, and as a human being concerned about the environment, I support adoption of these reach codes. I also urge the CEC to build beyond local leadership and take electrification further by setting an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code.

Gas appliances make it harder to breathe. Natural gas is over 90% methane, a vicious climate-changer over 80 times worse than carbon dioxide. Luckily, we have an alternative - electricity.

Housing can now be built faster without gas hookups - an advantage we can't forgo in this time of housing crisis, with the tragedy of homelessness evident in every town and city.

Developers can now save tens of thousands of dollars in up-front costs of installing gas lines and on energy savings by choosing to build without gas.

As the state moves toward its goal of zero Greenhouse Gas emissions, gas will become a stranded asset, so it protects all our interests to build all-electric now.